



MONDAY NIGHT: A SPECIAL NIGHT

ABC’s *NFL Monday Night Football* kicks off its 36th season on September 8 when the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots host the Oakland Raiders.

Playing in the national spotlight on Monday night after all these years still brings excitement to the game after 35 years to both the players and coaches:

- “Whenever you get your schedule, the first thing that you look for is how many games you’re on on Monday night. It’s just a special night. It’s exciting. Any football player would tell you that if he could play on every Monday night, he would.” -- New England Patriots quarterback **TOM BRADY**
- “I love Monday night. It’s the greatest stage. Everybody in the country is watching the game, so you have a great opportunity to showcase your talents.” -- St. Louis Rams wide receiver **TORRY HOLT**
- “You’re the only show in town. A lot of people are going to be watching you and you want to put on a good performance. This is a prime time to do it.” -- Former Oakland Raiders and Tampa Bay Buccaneers wide receiver **TIM BROWN**
- "It's Monday night, it's the only game in town, and there are lots of things exciting about it." -- Miami Dolphins linebacker **JUNIOR SEAU**
- “This is the national spotlight. Everybody watches on Monday night.” -- Green Bay Packers safety **EARL LITTLE**
- “Everybody gets excited about playing on Monday nights. It’s always a treat for all of us.” -- St. Louis Rams head coach **MIKE MARTZ**
- “On Monday night, the intensity is different, the atmosphere is different. It’s quite an evening.” -- Seattle Seahawks head coach **MIKE HOLMGREN**
- “It’s *Monday Night Football*. I don’t think there is much more to say.” -- Washington Redskins head coach **JOE GIBBS**

The longest-running prime-time entertainment series of all-time, *ABC’s NFL Monday Night Football* has made a lasting impression since its first broadcast (New York Jets at Cleveland Browns) on September 21, 1970. Since 1990, *MNF* is the only prime-time entertainment program to be ranked among the top 15 programs each year.

TV’s LONGEST CONTINUOUSLY-RUNNING PRIME-TIME ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
<i>NFL MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL (ABC)</i>	36 (1970-current)
Walt Disney (ABC, CBS, NBC)	29 (1954-82)
Ed Sullivan (CBS)	24 (1948-71)
Red Skelton (NBC, CBS)	20 (1951-71)
Gunsmoke (CBS)	20 (1955-75)

Source: The Complete Directory to Prime Time Network TV Shows 1946-present

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL – CAREER RECORDS

<u>TOUCHDOWNS</u>		<u>TD PASSES</u>		<u>RECEPTIONS</u>	
Jerry Rice	36	Dan Marino	74	Jerry Rice	254
Emmitt Smith	24	Brett Favre	48	Andre Reed	124
Marcus Allen	19	Steve Young	42	Cris Carter	123
Mark Clayton	15	Joe Montana	36	Tim Brown	121
Terrell Owens	15	Jim Kelly	31	Art Monk	114
<u>RUSHING YARDS (CAREER)</u>		<u>RUSHING YARDS (GAME)</u>			
Emmitt Smith	2,434	Bo Jackson		221	
Tony Dorsett	1,897	Ricky Williams		216	
Thurman Thomas	1,769	Thurman Thomas		214	
Marcus Allen	1,486	Earl Campbell		199	
Franco Harris	1,435	Garrison Hearst		198	
		Julius Jones		198	

